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Dear Caitlin Peele:

I am applying for an internship position at the Renewable Northwest Project. I would like to analyze the economic impact of the wind and solar energy industries in the Pacific Northwest. This project pertains not just to the firms that market and produce green energy, but to the Northwest community as a whole. A report on the green energy industry's contribution to labor and output is useful in informing state and federal fiscal policy and regulation of the energy sector, especially in light of the fiscal tightening our large budget deficits must eventually precipitate. This internship provides an opportunity to place my data gathering and analysis skills on the right side of the debate: at the service of an industry with a positive impact on our society.

I have experience programming in a behavioral genetics laboratory at Reed College under the direction of professors Susan C. P. Renn and Albyn Jones. In my research with them, I solved applied problems having to do with the interpretation of data using *R*, a computer language new to me at the time. I found the work satisfying, so much so that my last subject of study at the laboratory evolved naturally into my senior thesis in statistics. Since graduating in December, I have been pursuing computer science and programming (using the computer languages Haskell and Scala)—auditing courses and learning about the Unix operating system.

I am detail oriented, patient, and, because of my rigorous education, accustomed to tackling multiple projects simultaneously. I have strong social skills, as evidenced by my four years as a member of the Reed College ultimate frisbee team and a recent volunteer position as an outdoor trip student leader. I am sharp and calm: a goal-oriented, team player. These skills and characteristics make me a good choice for the internship position at RNP. I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss my background and the position with you, either over the phone or in person. I can be reached by phone at (714) 362 6823 or by email at andywinterman@gmail.com.

Thank you for reviewing my application.

Sincerely,
Andrew Winterman

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